

the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, by adding thereto a section to be known as Section 24, requiring the Texas Employers' Insurance Association to pay such taxes as may now be or hereafter be required of private corporations licensed to write workmen's compensation in Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Baker of Milam:

H. B. No. 33, A bill to be entitled "An Act to preserve and protect the wild fur-bearing animals of this State; declaring wild fur-bearing animals to be the property of the State; providing for the issuance of trappers' licenses and the disposition of the license fees; defining offenses and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof, and making it the duty of the Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner and his deputies to enforce the provisions of this act; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Culp:

H. B. No. 34; A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal that portion of the appropriation designated as Vital Statistics, Bureau of Laboratories and Bureau of Communicable Diseases of the appropriation for the Health Department of Texas as provided for in House bill No. 203 passed at the Second Called Session of the Thirty-eighth Legislature, and to provide revenue for the maintenance by providing a fee to be charged up as other cost in divorces and an additional fee for marriage licenses, and appropriating the revenues therefrom for the support and maintenance of the State Health Department of Texas, and to provide for keeping records of marriages and divorces, and providing a penalty for the failure of the county and district clerks to report marriages and divorces to the Health Department of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

#### RELATING TO INHERITANCE TAX LAW.

On motion of Mr. Smith, by unanimous consent, the Speaker was authorized to appoint a committee of three members to look into the matter of enforcement of the inheritance tax law.

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In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee:

Messrs. Smith, Downs and Stevens.

#### RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Culp, the House, at 11:45 o'clock a. m., took recess to 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

#### FIRST DAY.

(Continued.)

(Saturday, May 19, 1923.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by Speaker Seagler.

#### HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees as follows:

By Mr. Price and Mr. Bonham:

H. B. No. 35, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend House bill No. 17 passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-eighth Legislature of Texas, and approved by the Governor January 13, 1923, the act amended being an act requiring the Board of Water Engineers and the State Reclamation Engineer in conformity to the statute determining their powers and duties to make and cause to be made, and report to the Governor, an adequate topographic and hydrographic survey of the stream water sheds of the State, to the end that flood control, water conservation and economic utilization in reclamation development may be made practicable; advancing all such work as found feasible in accordance with the relative importance to the public welfare; directing the order in which said surveys and reports shall be made; providing for an appropriation to carry out the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Baldwin:

H. B. No. 36, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 15 of Article 7355 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, relative to occupation taxes; fixing the amount of taxes to be levied on all carnival companies; conferring upon counties, incorporated cities, towns and villages authority to

levy occupation taxes; providing for the bringing of suit for the collection of such taxes due; fixing the venue thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

#### EXTENDING SYMPATHY FOR ILLNESS OF HON. HENRY SACKETT.

Mr. Carson offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We have received a message that our fellow-member Hon. Henry Sackett is critically ill at his home in Coleman; and

Whereas, His services as a leader and adviser on important legislative matters will be greatly missed; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we extend to him and his family our sympathy in his illness and wish him a speedy recovery, and that a copy of this resolution be wired to Coleman.

Signed—Thrasher, Russell of Trinity, Carson, Stewart of Edwards.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the House, at 10 o'clock a. m. adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

#### SECOND DAY.

(Monday, May 21, 1923.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Seagler.

The roll was called and developed the fact that there was not a quorum present.

Mr. Burmeister moved a call of the House for the purpose of securing a quorum, and the call was duly seconded.

The Speaker then directed the Doorkeeper to close the main entrance to the Hall and instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock all other doors leading from the Hall, and stated that no member would be permitted to leave the Hall without written permission from the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Burmeister, the House, by unanimous consent, agreed to stand at ease until 2 o'clock p. m. today, and all members present were placed on honor to return at that hour.

The House reconvened at 2 o'clock

p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Abney.	Lane.
Amsler.	LeMaster.
Arnold.	McBride.
Atkinson.	McDaniel.
Avis.	McFarlane.
Baker of Milam.	Martin.
Baker of Orange.	Mathes.
Barker.	Maxwell.
Beasley.	Melson.
Bell.	Merritt.
Bonham.	Montgomery.
Bryant.	Moore.
Burmeister.	Morgan
Cable.	of Liberty.
Carpenter	Morgan
of Dallas.	of Robertson.
Carpenter	Pate.
of Matagorda.	Patterson.
Carson.	Perdue.
Carter of Hays.	Pinkston.
Coffee.	Pool.
Covey.	Price.
Culp.	Purl.
Davenport.	Quaid.
Davis.	Quinn.
DeBerry.	Rice.
Dinkle.	Robinson.
Downs.	Rogers.
Driggers.	Russell
Duffey.	of Callahan.
Dunlap.	Russell of Trinity.
Dunn.	Sanford.
Durham.	Satterwhite.
Edwards.	Shearer.
Faubion.	Shires.
Fields.	Simpson.
Finlay.	Smith.
Frnka.	Sparkman.
Fugler.	Stell.
Gipson.	Stevens.
Green.	Stewart
Greer.	of Edwards.
Hardin	Stewart
of Kaufman.	of Galveston.
Harris.	Stiernberg.
Henderson	Storey.
of Marion.	Teer.
Henderson	Thompson.
of McLennan.	Thrasher.
Hendricks.	Vaughan.
Howeth.	Wallace.
Irwin.	Wells.
Jennings.	Wessels.
Johnson.	Williamson.
Kemble.	Winfree.
Lackey.	Young.
Laird.	
	Absent.
Baldwin.	Bobbitt.
Barrett.	Carter of Coke.
Bird.	Chitwood.